

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 1/9/17 85 N. MARKET ST 7PM.

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley. Mr. Tyger was out of town. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson, WW Superintendant John Jurjavic and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the December 27, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. The December 2016 department reports were approved on motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Walker. There were no agenda items.

CLERK: Martin announced a Planning Commission meeting for Thursday January 12 at 7 pm at the Municipal Building.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch asked for nominations for Mayor/President Pro Temp. Mr. Elzer nominated Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Mr. Cohen would be the Mayor/President Pro Temp for 2017.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated he gave Council a written report.

LAW DIRECTOR: NO REPORT

STREET: There was no street report however Mr. Walker made a motion to have the Law Director draw up legislation that will prohibit chickens in the Village, Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. Mr. Yokley and Mr. Todd were also in favor, Mr. Elzer was not. Motion passed 4 to 1.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen stated we have received two requests for liquor licenses; one is a transfer of the license for the Eagles to their new location on Taggart St., the other is a new license that would allow Dollar General to sell alcohol. Mr. Cohen made a motion to accept the two requests seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Mr. Cohen stated while filling the positions for the Boards/Commissions there was a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals that didn't receive any applicants. Mr. Alan Nelis had applied for the Library Board position (to which Jim Wilson was reappointed). Mr. Cohen said after speaking with him Mr. Nelis said he would be happy to take the position on the ZBA. Mr. Cohen then made a motion to appoint Mr. Nelis to the ZBA seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor.

THERE WERE NO DEVELOPMENT, UTILITY OR FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Dianna Elzer, Dan Scott, John Martin, Mark Rhodes, Chief Brown, Officer Johnson, Terri Ward, John Davis and Katie White.

LEGISLATION: In reference to Ord. 27-2016 Mr. Elzer questioned the cost listed from the engineers for the water well project and if we could get cost estimates from other engineers for the same project. The cost listed for the project is at best an estimate; the actual services will be bid out. Atty. Powers stated that the engineer for a project is selected through the design/build process where they submit proposals and they are evaluated; The proposals are not for a specific job but they reflect what areas the engineers work on, their experience and the jobs in the field that they have done in the past. Monteleone stated they evaluated seven different companies for this project and MS was the highest ranked out of all of them. There was discussion as to the engineering firms charging and not charging for preliminary designs and the fact that if someone else's plans are bid against another the firm may well start charging for things they previously did not. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 27-2016 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager on behalf of Council to enter into negotiations with MS Consultants Inc to provide professional design services related to construction of the Municipal water well infrastructure and water plant improvement project.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 27-2016. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. 5 yes to pass.

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH